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FOR: A SEALED TUBULAR JOINT COMPRISING LOCAL AND INITIAL ADDED THICKNESS(ES), BY MEANS OF PLASTIC EXPANSION

LETTER SUBMITTING REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEET(S)

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Responsive to the below indicated communication, the following drawing sheets are submitted herewith:

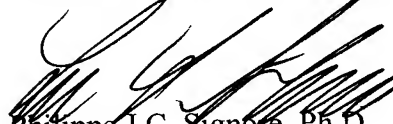
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Replacement drawing sheets are submitted to meet the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office requirement.

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